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THAILAND

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
Accelerating Economic Recovery in Asia	This is an economic recovery and reform program initiated in the aftermath of the 1997 economic crisis. A number of sub-components of the program improve trade by building the capacities of Thai businesses (through the Business Advisory Services, the Thailand Competitiveness Initiative, and Labor Standards Advisory Services), improving business standards, and strengthening the enabling environment (through the Business Support Organization Partnership and the Environmental Support Program). Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.	Business Services & Training	337,532
		Human Resources & Labor Standards	22,502
		Environmental Trade & Standards	50,630
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	151,889
		Activity Total	562,553
Biodiesel and Gasohol Production Technology	This \$130,000 Biodiesel and Gasohol Orientation Visit will expose government and private-sector officials from alternative fuels sector in Thailand to U.S. production process, logistics management, technologies and vendors. Participating delegates represent entities that play a critical role in setting policy and have substantial procurement plans to ensure that alternative fuels demand and supply are met in Thailand. The delegates will visit U.S. biodiesel and gasohol production and blending facilities and meet with U.S. Department of Energy officials. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Physical Infrastructure Development	59,851
		Environmental Trade & Standards	59,851
		Activity Total	119,702
Canned Tuna and Shrimp Sensory Evaluation Workshop	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), in partnership with the California Sea Grant and the National Fisheries Institute, Department of Commerce Seafood Inspection Program, offered a sensory evaluation workshop for Thai seafood processors, overseas exporters and third-party seafood inspectors. Sensory evaluation courses are designed to teach industry professionals how to tell whether a shipment of seafood will pass or fail FDA standards on decomposition. Funded and implemented by Health & Human Services/FDA.	Agreement on SPS	3,956
Food and Drug Administration Medical Device Seminar for Thai Government and Industry	This activity provided training on Food and Drug Administration (FDA) export certificates and FDA inspections of medical device manufacturers to evaluate compliance with the Quality System Regulation. The purpose was to help the Thai government better regulate their own medical device industry and help the industry be better prepared for FDA inspections. Funded and implemented by Health & Human Services/FDA.	Agreement on TBT	1,400
Frozen Shrimp Sensory Evaluation Course	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), in partnership with the California Sea Grant and the National Fisheries Institute, Department of Commerce Seafood Inspection Program, offered a sensory evaluation workshop for Thai shrimp processors, overseas exporters and third-party seafood inspectors. The sensory evaluation course on shrimp focused on teaching participants how to evaluate three species of shrimp sold in the United States. Funded and implemented by Health & Human Services/FDA.	Agreement on SPS	20,602

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Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) Train the Trainer - Thailand	Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) Train-the-Trainer program organized by the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN) at the University of Maryland in partnership with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in Bangkok, Thailand, provided training on U.S. food safety programs, food laws and regulations, anatomy of outbreaks and epidemiology, traceback and farm investigations, water quality, post-harvest practices, education about good health and hygiene practices, and how to develop an effective training course. Funded and implemented by Health & Human Services/FDA.	Agreement on SPS	57,255
IT Systems Integration for the Small and Medium Enterprise Bank	The US Trade and Development Agency is providing \$164,668 to fund technical assistance on the development of an IT Systems Integration project for the Small and Medium Enterprise Development Bank Thailand. The project supports economic and social development through substantial technology transfer and productivity improvement of the financial services sector. The project also provides SME-related support under the U.S.-Thai FTA negotiations. This activity is in support of the US-Thailand FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	32,934
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	131,734
		Activity Total	164,668
Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Receiving Terminal	This activity funds a feasibility study for a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Receiving Terminal for PTT Public Company Limited (PTT) in Thailand. The primary objectives of this study would be to determine the LNG receiving terminals most appropriate location, identify the appropriate type of technology for the terminal and re-gasification facilities, and define the required level of investment for the project. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Other Trade Facilitation	667,000
Support to Tourism Project	Support to project that will import goods and expand the tourism sector in Thailand. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	Tourism Sector Development	112,805

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Telecommunications and IT Training - Thailand	The U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) approved \$65,000 in funding for an Orientation Visit to the United States for eight Thai government officials responsible for telecommunications and information technology and regulation. These officials would participate in specialized training programs provided by the U.S. Telecommunications Training Institute in Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles. In addition, the Orientation Visit will facilitate trade through greater use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Thailand, helping the country to meet industry objectives outlined in the U.S.-Thailand Free Trade Agreement. Specific priorities to be addressed include supporting communications networks, promoting and developing the domestic ICT industry, and enacting a proper legal framework to facilitate ICT growth. This activity is in support of the US-Thailand FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	E-Commerce & IT	26,917
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	26,917
		Physical Infrastructure Development	5,982
		Activity Total	59,815
Thai Airways Aircraft Engine Bid	The U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) is offering a de minimis training grant to support the development of a regional engine Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) center in Thailand, which is a major component of the Engine Alliance bid to supply aircraft engines to Thai Airways. If the Engine Alliance is selected for this procurement, USTDA would fund a technical training program for employees of Thai Airways held in the United States. This training would advance technology transfer, infrastructure development and human capacity building in the aviation sector in Thailand. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Physical Infrastructure Development	500,000
Traffic Data Collection System	This \$422,855 Technical Assistance would help the Thai Department of Highways to improve its traffic data collection system. The project would enhance the management of highway capacity improvement, maintenance plans and road safety work by replacing aging equipment and expanding coverage levels and areas. The primary objectives of this technical assistance would be to define technology options, procurement requirements and financial plans to implement the project. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Physical Infrastructure Development	422,855

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Transportation Logistics Technical Workshop	This activity funds a series of three technical workshops focused on improving transportation logistics along the trade supply chains in Thailand. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Customs Operation & Administration	9,500
		Export Promotion	57,000
		Business Services & Training	57,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	47,500
		Physical Infrastructure Development	19,000
		Activity Total	190,000
US Thailand Free Trade Agreement	The US-Thailand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) initiative is being given technical assistance in the form of visits to successful incubation centers for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), entrepreneur development programs, and linkage building between US and Thai SMEs. This activity is in support of the US-Thailand FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	100,000
Total FY05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Thailand			2,982,611